NREGA funds pilfered in U.P.

2416. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs.1320/- crores fund has been paid to Uttar Pradesh Government till date towards implementation of NREGA;

(b) whether it is also a fact that according to an NGO in Uttar Pradesh 60 per cent of the NREGA funds in the State of Uttar Pradesh has been pilfered;

(c) if so, details thereof;

(d) the action proposed by the Ministry for those who are involved in pilfering of funds meant for poor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) A sum of Rs. 1239.32 crore has been released by the Centre for implementation of NREGA in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) No such report has been received in the Ministry.

(c) and (d) Question does not arise.

Funds released under NREGA

2417. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount released to each State Government during 2006-07 under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme and how much amount has been spent;

(b) whether an audit report has prepared by volunteers from Delhi and Allahabad universities, relating to Jharkhand given specific examples of rampant corruption in implementation of this scheme;

(c) the steps taken to plug such loopholes; and

(d) whether the envisaged objective under NREGA has been achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) A Statement giving requisite data is enclosed (*See* below).

(b) In the Social Audit of Projects done in Jharkhand, volunteers from Delhi and Allahabad had participated. Report on the outcomes of the audit done has been shared with the State Government.

(c) Central Government is monitoring the implementation of the Act on regular basis. Periodic review meetings are undertaken by Minister of Rural Development and Secretary (Rural Development) from time to time. National Level Monitors and Area officers of the Ministry visit various districts to oversee the progress of the

Act. Comprehensive MIS has been developed that places all vital data in public domain. Monitoring and Vigilance Committees have been set up. Village level vigilance and monitoring committees have been set up for local monitoring. The Ministry is monitoring not only the physical parameters but qualitative indicators as well.

(d) The objective of NREGA is to provide for a legal guarantee for one hundred days of wage employment in every financial year to every rural household for doing unskilled manul work on demand During the year 2006-07, a total of 2.12 crore household demanded work. Out of them, 2.10 crore households were provided work under the Act.

Statement

Details of fund released to States under NREGA alongwith the amount spent

Sl. No.	State	Central Release during 06-07 in Rs. Lakhs	Total Availability of funds in Rs. Lakhs	cumulative expenditure in Rs. Lakhs
1	2	3	4	5
1	Andhra Pradesh	102541.43	114224.39	68020.32
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1450.85	1211.25	221.34
3	Assam	26550.85	70769.1	59252.93
4	Bihar	54831.38	119117.81	71276.16
5	Gujarat	71850.74	12374.74	8585.03
6	Haryana	7433.94	4652;85	3594.67
7	Himachal Pradesh	3589.39	5719.2	3940.12
8	Jammu and Kashmir	4667.64	5012.4	3454.44
9	Karnataka	4136.37	34131.33	24829.67
10	Kerala	55854.59	4835.18	2789.73
11	Madhya Pradesh	24850.69	213368.36	186268.63
12	Maharashtra	3739.51	48693.66	17461.18
14	Meghalaya	21815.64	2583.63	2111.85
15	Mizoram	1692.89	2598.21	1643.11
16	Nagaland	3224.68	1595.96	1457.62
17	Orissa	2023.90	89018.66	73346.62
18	Punjab	910.11	3839.21	2500.21
19	Rajasthan	78380.49	85617.3	69306.14
20	Sikkim	3445.75	456.5	261.89
21	Tamil Nadu	78041.00	25210.92	15163.63
22	Tripura	691.50	4977.63	4507.68

1	2	3	4	5
23	Uttar Pradesh	18409.21	102871.22	77967.46
24	West Bengal	2754.66	63023.42	39462.63
25	Chhattisgarh	4470.60	84088.78	66882.16
26	Jharkand	56914.69	98220.95	71155.13
27	Uttranchal	38868.84	7105.31	4849.7
	TOTAL:	864085.54	1207355.57	882335.55

* 0 denote non-reporting by concerned States

ARWSP scheme in Kerala

2418. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are many Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) schemes in Kerala undertaken with the assistance of Central Government;

(b) if so, the details of such schemes as on today, category-wise;

(c) the total revised estimates for the above schemes and the total Central assistance as on today, category-wise;

(d) whether the Competent Anthority of Kerala sought higher allocation for completion of the scheme within three years;

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) The primary responsibility of providing drinking water in rural area rests with the State Governments. The Government of India supplements efforts made by the States by providing financial and technical assistance under a centrally sponsored programme, namely Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). The allocation under ARWSP is based on well-defined parameters *viz.* rural population, geographical conditions, number of Not Covered (NC)/Partially Covered (PC) habitations and water quality status. However, State Governments are empowered to plan, sanction and implement drinking water schemes. Therefore, scheme wise details/records for ARWSP are maintained by respective States at their level.

(c) to (e) The total central allocation for the State under ARWSP for 2007-08 is Rs. 86.56 crore. A request was received from Managing Director, Kerala Water Works Authority for reimbursement of Rs. 713.58 lakh for excess expenditure incurred during 2004-05 and 2005-06. Since guidelines do not provide for reimbursement of excess expenditure, the State Government was informed accordingly. The State Government was requested to submit proposal for release of additional funds, which can be considered after reviewing physical/financial